

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 2/16/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9, and 11-61 renumbered as claims 1-59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher Gegg on 04/17/07.

3. Claims 22, 41, and 55-57 have been amended as follows:

22. (currently amended) An interlocking body cover for a mobile terminal, comprising:

a membrane with a first surface and a second surface, an inner section, and an outer perimeter; and

an elastomeric locking edge along said outer perimeter directed downwardly from said second surface and towards said inner section, wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis of a mobile terminal without disassembly of the chassis

wherein said membrane is adapted to cover an operational face of the mobile terminal, the operational face having at least one of a display screen and a user-operable button of the mobile terminal,

wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said membrane is adapted to overlap said interlocking chassis, and

wherein a portion of said membrane defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis such that said portion of said interlocking chassis is disposed in said cavity of said membrane.

41. (currently amended) The assembly of claim 2 39, wherein said first elastomeric membrane comprises a plurality of actuators that selectively engage said electronic device.

55. (currently amended) An interlocking body cover for a mobile terminal, comprising:

a membrane with a first surface and a second surface, an inner section, and an outer perimeter; and

an elastomeric locking edge along said outer perimeter directed downwardly from said second surface and towards said inner section, wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis of a mobile terminal without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said membrane is adapted to overlap said interlocking chassis,

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wherein a portion of said membrane defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis such that said portion of said interlocking chassis is disposed in said cavity of said membrane, and

wherein at least part of said membrane is a translucent material.

56. (currently amended) An interlocking body cover for a mobile terminal, comprising:

a membrane with a first surface and a second surface, an inner section, and an outer perimeter;

an elastomeric locking edge along said outer perimeter directed downwardly from said second surface and towards said inner section, wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis of a mobile terminal without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said membrane is adapted to overlap said interlocking chassis,

wherein a portion of said membrane defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis such that said portion of said interlocking chassis is disposed in said cavity of said membrane, and

wherein said membrane defines a circumscribed void there through;

and a display window disposed in said void.

57.(currently amended) An interlocking body cover for a mobile terminal, comprising:

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a membrane with a first surface and a second surface, an inner section, and an outer perimeter; and

an elastomeric locking edge along said outer perimeter directed downwardly from said second surface and towards said inner section, wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis of a mobile terminal without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said elastomeric locking edge is configured to be removably secured to an interlocking chassis without disassembly of the chassis,

wherein said membrane is adapted to overlap said interlocking chassis,

wherein a portion of said membrane defines a cavity adapted to receive a portion of said chassis such that said portion of said interlocking chassis is disposed in said cavity of said membrane, and

wherein said second surface defines a flexible keymat.